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In re Patent Application of:
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For: PAV REGIONS FOR ENCAPSIDATION AND
EI TRANSCRIPTIONAL CONTROL

Examiner: S. Chen

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 8, 2008 (Paper No. 20081002), for which a response is due on January 8, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time thereby extending the deadline for response to February 8, 2009. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7(a), when a filing deadline in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office falls on Saturday, Sunday or a Federal Holiday in the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding day, which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal Holiday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Also filed herewith is Request for Continued Examination along with the appropriate fee. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24 of this paper.